

# *a word from the President*

## **2017 NQCA Activities In Review**

*I must begin this message by paying tribute to the recent passing of our dear and respected Saanich Councillor, Vic Derman. His tireless community service to North Quadra, his place of residency, Saanich and the CRD, was immense and leaves a big hole on the political landscape. His influence ensuring the community's betterment will be sorely missed. (See below)*

This was, once again, a busy year for us. Following our name-change to North Quadra Community Association (NQCA), our executive worked hard to amend our Constitution in compliance with new changes to the Society's Act. At our upcoming AGM you will have an opportunity to ratify our new Constitution and Bylaws.

Our webmaster, Arun Joshi, with the assistance of Lauraine Derman and Trevor Barry, continue to work hard keeping our website updated. Henceforth, if you wish, you may apply for a NQCA membership at our [northquadra.ca](http://northquadra.ca) website. Residents of North Quadra, age 18 and over, are eligible to become members. There is no membership fee; however donations, no matter how small, are appreciated.

As you may know, there are many key initiatives currently underway in Saanich. They include the Active Transportation Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan, Nigel Valley Redevelopment Plan, an independent consultant's review of the Environmental Development Permit Area (EDPA) and Governance

Study. NQCA will continue actively providing input to these initiatives until such time as final reports proceed to Council. I urge all residents to become familiar with these and other issues, to provide input and to make your views known to Saanich Council and your association.

This year a large portion of NQCA's monthly executive meetings related to the review and consultation of several area development proposals and updates. (Details: p3 of 2017 NQCA Newsletter)

Once again our annual Beckwith Music in the Park Concert event last July was a resounding success! We look forward to this summer's July 18<sup>th</sup> Music In The Park concert/picnic which will feature added children's activities relating to Canada's 150 Birthday Celebrations. (Details p3 of NQCA 2017 Newsletter)

I continue to ask for your support and active participation in NQCA activities. It is your association; we need your voice, views, input and help to succeed. Please join us, become an executive member or volunteer your time.

And finally, I want to convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to all current and past executive members and volunteers for their services. Looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming AGM, Thurs. May 04, 2017 at 7.30 PM at the Church of the Nazarene, 4277 Quadra Street.

*Thank you. Haji Charania*

## ***Tribute:* Vic Derman**



With sadness the community mourned the passing of Counsellor Vic Derman, March 17, 2017. Vic was a proud resident of North Quadra where his community involvement began as a volunteer and neighbourhood advocate. His service as director for NQCA from 1990 to 2002 was invaluable. He was elected to Saanich Council in 2002 and went on to be a CRD director. He not only served Saanich and CRD unselfishly with dedication and passion for livable communities, sustainability and the natural environment, but was a vital link to our community association concerns. He will be remembered locally for spearheading the acquisition of parklands on Christmas Hill, securing amenities for neighbourhoods undergoing development, advocating for greenbelts and connective walking/cycling trails throughout North Quadra and the CRD ....always with the view of making "our world a better place".